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TAKING OVER OF STEEL COMPLEX LTD. BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has made an offer to Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for taking over of the Steel Complex Limited located at Calicut;

(b) if so, whether the SAIL has agreed to the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR.AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(c): The Government of Kerala have approached the Ministry of Steel and the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with a proposal seeking SAIL`s investment and inputs for modernizing and optimizing the operations of M/s. Steel Complex Ltd. (SCL), Calicut, Kerala and to set up down stream finishing capacity in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) between SAIL and Steel Complex Ltd. (SCL). The take over of SCL by SAIL has also been proposed in a letter to the Ministry.

SAIL has provided technical support by deputing experts from R&D centre of SAIL to SCL, Kerala from June`07 onwards. As a result of their guidance, SCL`s performance has improved.

SAIL is now undertaking a study to explore other business opportunities in SCL, Kerala and SAIL`s engagement with SCL would be dependent on the outcome of the study.